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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF JOINT COMMISSION TEAM TO TEHRAN

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1. MANOUCHEHR FARZIM, MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS OF FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY (FDC) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF JUNE 9. FDC HAS WRITTEN USDA (QUENTIN WEST) CONCERNING VISIT, STATING THAT FARZIM SEEKS INFORMATION ON:

- A) POSSIBILITY OF APPLICATION OF LIQUID FERTILIZERS IN IRAN;
- B) PREPARATION OF LIST OF U.S. PRODUCERS AND SUPPLIERS OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES;
- C) PROCEDURE ON SELECTION OF IRANIAN SPECIALISTS WHO SHOULD BE SENT TO U.S. TO STUDY FERTILIZER MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION;

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D) POSSIBILITY OF SENDING U.S. FERTILIZER EXPERTS TO IRAN.

2. SUBJECT JOINT COMMISSION TEAM, CONSISTING OF
EUGENE K. LAWSON, STATE; KAY THOMPSON, COMMERCE; AND
DR. WILLIAM WHITE, VICE PRESIDENT, THE FERTILIZER INSTITUTE

WILL MEET WITH FARZIM AND DR. HOWARD STEELE AT USDA ON
JUNE 10. FERTILIZER INSTITUTE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED
IN EXPLORING POINTS OUTLINED PARA 1 WITH FARZIM AND WITH
FDC IN IRAN.

3. WE BELIEVE PROPOSED JOINT COMMISSION TEAM VISIT
WOULD TIE IN WELL WITH FDC INTEREST, PARTICULARLY SINCE
TEAM WOULD INCLUDE RECOGNIZED FERTILIZER EXPERT FROM
FERTILIZER INSTITUTE STAFF. IN JUNE 5 MEETING WITH
DEPT. OFFICERS, FERTILIZER INSTITUTE PRESIDENT
EMPHASIZED INSTITUTE'S INTEREST IN AND ENTHUSIASM FOR
PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED MISSION. HOWEVER, HE
CAUTIONED THAT DR. WHITE HAS SEVERAL IMPORTANT
COMMITMENTS IN JUNE-JULY AND NEEDS TO HAVE FIRM
SCHEDULING INFORMATION ON IRAN TRIP SOONEST.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY
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